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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

SUBJECT: Update on SBE/MDE Strategic Plan/Aligning for Leadership

On May 18-19, 2004, the State Board of Education (SBE), members of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and Dr. Joe Simpson, The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), attended a strategic planning session at the Brandywine Center, Covert, Michigan. The purpose was to develop a set of action options/challenges that must be addressed in order to achieve the State Board of Education's Strategic Goal for 2003-2004. The products of that session were a set of defined challenges, indicating the root causes that inhibit full completion of this goal, as well as, a set of action options to address those challenges. Participants were given a written summary of the two days' work in mid June. Each was asked to submit comments on each action option as well as an overall evaluation of the process, to the leaders by June 25, 2004. The results of this work will be discussed in an all day session in early to mid-August with the May participants, to finalize the setting of priorities and actions.

In the meantime, Dr. Joe Simpson, as a follow-up to the recommendations of the CCSSO-MGT Diagnostic Report on the MDE Implementation of No Child Left Behind presented to the Board at its May 2004 meeting, worked with several staff to develop a draft state strategic plan. This plan brings together the work begun last year by the three key committees and five task groups related to No Child Left Behind, the work of various MDE offices, and State Board Task Force groups, into one document that will guide the continuing efforts in Michigan to improve learning for all students. This was a key recommendation of both the CCSSO-MGT Diagnostic Report as well as the top Action Option from the May SBE session.

The MDE has reviewed the first draft and once those comments are summarized, the next Draft will be sent to each State Board member for review and input. Those comments will be summarized and presented to the Board at the August Board meeting for approval along with a plan for seeking input and further development from the various stakeholders in Michigan. It is projected that the final plan will be presented to the State Board in November for final approval. See attachment A for further details of the development timeline.

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Proposed
Timeline for Developing
Michigan State Strategic Plan

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
Develop draft plan based on previous NCLB committee work, CCSSO-MGT Report, Aligning for Leadership, staff and SBE input.	July 2004
Present to the State Board of Education for review and approval to take to the field for review.	August 2004
Review by other State agency staff, Governors staff, key Education Alliance members, ISDs, President's and Deans Council, ACCUM, focus groups in local areas (work with ISDs)*, Policy review by universities and policy groups, (ECS, NCREL), other education association reviews, for focus, revisions, ideas for implementing.	August-October 2004
Review public comments, revise, and post to web for final review and comment.	October 2004
Present to State Board of Education for approval.	November 2004